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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of  
Eileen White et al.

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For: "Recombinant Cell Line and  
Screening Method for  
Identifying Agents Which  
Regulate Apoptosis and  
Tumor Suppression"

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated September 25, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

1. (Amended) A recombinant cell line for assessing therapeutic agents that regulate apoptosis, comprising:
  - a) a first plasmid expressing a p300/CBP responsive promoter operably linked to a first reporter gene;
  - b) a second plasmid expressing a non p300/CBP responsive promoter operably linked to a second reporter gene; and
  - c) a third plasmid expressing a selectable marker gene.

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2. (Amended) The cell line of claim 1, said cell line being stably transfected with an additional plasmid encoding wild-type p300/CBP to augment endogenously expressed p300/CBP protein levels.

3. (Amended) A screening method for determining if a therapeutic reagent inhibits p300/CBP activity thereby